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## April 2021 unemployment rate released

lowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly to 3.8 percent from 3.7 percent in March. For more information please visit our Labor Market Information website located here: <a href="https://www.iowalmi.gov/labor-market-information-division">https://www.iowalmi.gov/labor-market-information-division</a>

Employment and Unemployment in Iowa, Seasonally Adjusted Data								
				Change from				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020			
Civilian labor force	1,640,600	1,638,000	1,712,600	2,600	-72,000			
Unemployment	61,600	60,800	190,200	800	-128,600			
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.7%	11.1%	0.1	-7.3			
Employment	1,578,900	1,577,100	1,522,400	1,800	56,500			
U.S. unemployment rate	6.1%	6.0%	14.8%	0.1	-8.7			
Nonfarm Employment in Iowa, Seasonally Adjusted Data								
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,517,400	1,523,200	1,412,500	-5,800	104,900			
Mining	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100			
Construction	76,400	79,500	74,600	-3,100	1,800			
Manufacturing	219,400	219,800	212,900	-400	6,500			
Trade, transportation and utilities	304,300	306,800	281,600	-2,500	22,700			
Information	17,900	17,900	18,700	0	-800			
Financial activities	110,300	110,700	108,300	-400	2,000			
Professional and business								
services	134,500	136,000	129,600	-1,500	4,900			
Education and health services	221,100	221,500	207,600	-400	13,500			
Leisure and hospitality	123,000	121,900	78,300	1,100	44,700			
Other services	56,400	55,300	48,500	1,100	7,900			
Government	251,800	251,500	250,200	300	1,600			

Unemployment Insurance Claims for Iowa								
				% Change from				
	April	March	April	March	April			
	2021	2021	2020	2021	2020			
Initial claims	22,145	24,052	157,324	-7.9%	-85.9%			
Continued claims								
Benefit recipients	32,781	44,741	182,659	-26.7%	-82.1%			
Weeks paid	97,820	167,349	652,623	-41.5%	-85.0%			
Amount paid	\$38,213,174	\$67,792,633	\$213,451,863	-43.6%	-82.1%			